

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Grasso *et al.*  
FOR: *Leptin-Related Peptides*



MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING UTILITY APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

1. This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).  
(Check the appropriate boxes and supply the requisite information)  
This application is a:  
☐ Continuation; ☐ Divisional; ☒ Continuation-in-part of prior application U.S.A.N. 09/377,081.
2. Priority to the above application(s) is claimed under:  
☒ 35 U.S.C. §120  
Prior application information:  
Examiner: Christine J. Saoud; Group Art Unit: 1647.  
☐ 35 U.S.C. §119  
Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S.S.N. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_ on [Date].  
☐ The certified copy will follow.

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

3. ☒ Specification and Drawings (Total pages: 143):  
Specification (102 pages); Claims (3 pages); and Abstract (1 page).  
Drawings (37 sheets).
4. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission:  
☐ *Computer-readable Copy*: The computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing in the instant application is to be identical to that filed in application U.S.S.N. 09/377,081, filed August 19, 1999. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the computer-readable form filed in that application as the computer-readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application.  
☐ *Paper Copy*: A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included in the copy of the originally-filed specification of the instant application.
5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
6. ☒ Oath or Declaration (Total pages: 3):  
(a) ☒ unexecuted  
(b) ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))

INVENTOR:

Grasso et al.

## Request for Continuing (Divisional) Nonprovisional Application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

7. ☐ Incorporation by Reference (*can use if Box 6(b) is checked*)  
 The entire Disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 6(b), is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

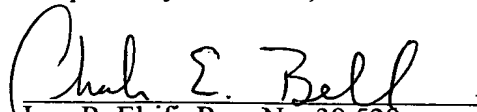
8. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
9. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☒ Copy of IDS and PTO-1449, filed March 15, 2000 (3 pages);  
☒ Copy of Supp. IDS and PTO-1449, filed May 9, 2000 (3 pages);  
☐ Copies of references cited
10. ☒ Reassertion of Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.27(c)(4))  
☒ Small Entity status was claimed in the parent application, and is still proper and desired under 37 CFR 1.27(c)(4).
11. Fee Calculation:

| CLAIMS AS FILED  |              |                     |              |  |  |
|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Claims   | Number Filed | Basic Fee Allowance | Number Extra | Rate   | Basic Fee<br>37 C.F.R. 1.16(a)<br>\$770.00 |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))                           | 31           | - 20 =              | 11           | \$18.00                                      | \$198.00                                   |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))                     | 3            | - 2 =               | 0            | \$86.00                                      | \$0.00                                     |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any<br>(37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)) |              |                     |              | \$280.00                                     | \$0.00                                     |
|  |              |                     |              | SUBTOTAL:                                    | \$968.00                                   |
|  |              |                     |              | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity: | \$484.00                                   |
|  |              |                     |              | TOTAL FEE:                                   | \$484.00                                   |

12. ☒ A check (#17474) in the amount of \$484.00 is enclosed.
13. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)  
 This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)(4).  
☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
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☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
14. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 19705-001CIP.  
☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;  
☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;  
☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.

15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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